



1723

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 016794/0383

#4/R
6/30/00

In re patent application of
Siegfried MATUSCH et al.

Serial No. 09/301,624

Group Art Unit: 1723

Filed: April 29, 1999

Examiner: D. Reifsnyder

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CLEARING THE CRYSTALLINE MATERIAL OUT
OF A CENTRIFUGE BASKET

AMENDMENT AND REPLY
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2000, please amend the above
identified application as follows:

RECEIVED
JUN 14 2000
TC 1700 MAIL ROOM

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for clearing product from a centrifuge basket of a discontinuously running centrifuge, said basket comprising a peripheral wall and a bottom wall, said bottom wall closing one end of the peripheral wall, said peripheral wall defining a basket sieve and the entire axial length of the centrifuge length of the centrifuge basket, wherein a scraper blade, having a cutting edge, is projecting into the centrifuge basket, said method comprising:

lowering the scraper blade from an initial position, in axial direction of the centrifuge basket, until a starting position is reached where the scraper blade nearly touches the bottom wall of the centrifuge basket;